

IC 33-33-79.4

Chapter 79.4. Tippecanoe Superior Courts No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6

IC 33-33-79.4-1

Application

Sec. 1. IC 33-29-1 does not apply to this chapter.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-2

Establishment of superior courts

Sec. 2. There are established three (3) courts of record to be known as:

(1) Tippecanoe superior court No. 4;
(2) Tippecanoe superior court No. 5; and
(3) Tippecanoe superior court No. 6;
(referred to as "the court" in this chapter). Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 may each have a seal containing the words "Tippecanoe Superior Court No. (Insert Court Division Number), Tippecanoe County, Indiana". Tippecanoe County comprises the judicial district of each court.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-3

Judges; election

Sec. 3. (a) Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 each has one (1) judge, who shall be elected at the general election every six (6) years in Tippecanoe County. The judge's term begins January 1 following the election and ends December 31 following the election of the judge's successor.

(b) To be eligible to hold office as judge of the court, a person must be:

(1) a resident of Tippecanoe County;
(2) less than seventy (70) years of age at the time of taking office; and
(3) admitted to the bar of Indiana.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Jurisdiction

Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), each court has the same jurisdiction as the Tippecanoe circuit court.

(b) Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 do not have probate or juvenile jurisdiction.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Judicial powers

Sec. 5. The judges of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 have the same powers relating to the conduct of the business

of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 as the judge of the Tippecanoe circuit court. The judge of each court also may administer oaths, solemnize marriages, and take and certify acknowledgments of deeds.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Bailiff and court reporter

Sec. 6. The judges of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6:

- (1) shall each appoint a bailiff and an official court reporter for the court; and
- (2) may each appoint other court personnel necessary to facilitate and transact the business of the court.

A person appointed under this section serves at the pleasure of the judge appointing the person. Their salaries shall be fixed in the same manner as the salaries of the bailiff, official court reporter, and other personnel for the Tippecanoe circuit court. Their salaries shall be paid monthly out of the treasury of Tippecanoe County as provided by law.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Magistrate

Sec. 7. The judges of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 shall jointly appoint one (1) full-time magistrate under IC 33-23-5. The magistrate continues in office until jointly removed by the judges of the courts.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-8

Dockets, books, and papers

Sec. 8. The clerk of the circuit court, under the direction of the judge of a court, shall provide order books, judgment dockets, execution dockets, fee books, and other books for the court, which shall be kept separately from the books and papers of other courts.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Location of court sessions

Sec. 9. Each court shall hold its sessions in the Tippecanoe County courthouse in Lafayette or in other places in the county that the Tippecanoe County executive may provide. The county executive shall provide and maintain a suitable courtroom and other rooms and facilities, including furniture and equipment, as may be necessary for each court. The Tippecanoe County fiscal body shall appropriate sufficient funds for the provision and maintenance of these rooms and facilities.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-10**Jury commissioners; juries**

Sec. 10. The jury commissioners appointed by the judge of the Tippecanoe circuit court shall serve as the jury commissioners for Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6. Juries shall be selected in the same manner as juries for the Tippecanoe circuit court. The grand jury selected for the Tippecanoe circuit court shall also serve as the grand jury for a court as may be necessary.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-11**Transfer of actions and proceedings**

Sec. 11. The judge of the Tippecanoe circuit court or another superior court in the county may, with the consent of the judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6, transfer any action or proceeding from the circuit court to Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6. The judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6 may, with the consent of the judge of the circuit court or the judge of another superior court in the county, transfer any action or proceeding from Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6 to the circuit court or the other superior court in the county.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-12**Sitting of judges**

Sec. 12. The judge of the Tippecanoe circuit court or another superior court in the county may, with the consent of the judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6, sit as a judge of the court in any matter as if the judge of the circuit court or the other superior court were an elected judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6. The judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6 may, with consent of the judge of the circuit court or the judge of another superior court in the county, sit as a judge of the circuit court or the other superior court in any matter as if the judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6 were an elected judge of the circuit court or the other superior court.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-13**Small claims and misdemeanor divisions**

Sec. 13. Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 each has a standard small claims and misdemeanor division.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

IC 33-33-79.4-14**Rules**

Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in this section, a judge of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, or No. 6 may adopt rules for conducting business in the court.

(b) Rules adopted under this section must be consistent with the

laws of Indiana and the rules adopted by the supreme court.

(c) When adopting local rules to govern in all the courts of record in the county, the judge of the circuit court and the judges of all superior courts in the county shall act in concert. If there is a disagreement, the decision of a majority of the judges controls. If there is a tie, the decision joined by the circuit court judge controls.

(d) The judges of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6 shall jointly adopt rules to provide for the coordination and conduct of the standard small claims and misdemeanor divisions in the courts.
As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.

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Presiding judge

Sec. 15. (a) The judges of Tippecanoe superior court No. 4, No. 5, and No. 6, by rules jointly adopted by the courts, shall designate one (1) of the judges of the courts as presiding judge for the standard small claims and misdemeanor divisions of the courts.

(b) The presiding judge shall insure that the standard small claims divisions operate efficiently.

As added by P.L.98-2004, SEC.12.